



# *Proclamation*

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## **In Recognition of the Annual National Day of Prayer**

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer was enacted in 1952 by Congress with a joint resolution, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer was permanently designated as being the first Thursday of May each year from 1988 when President Ronald Reagan signed an amendment to the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer will be recognized by President Barrack Obama who will sign a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on the Annual National Day of Prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer is observed locally and nationally from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawai'i, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer is celebrated by more than two million people attending more than 30,000 observances at state capitols, county court houses, city halls, schools, businesses, churches and homes across the United States, and organized by approximately 40,000 volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Day of Prayer has earned a notable place on calendars and raises awareness about prayer being important to our nation today as it was during the time of our founding fathers;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2011, as

## **"NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER"**

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join the millions of Americans throughout our Nation in the annual observance of the National Day of Prayer.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of March, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i